



Wataynikaneyap Power

CCEG'S ROLE AND PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PARTICIPATION, & CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

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Presentation to NOFNEC



BACKGROUND & RATIONALE FOR (CCEG) ROLE

The Opportunity

- Remote First Nations communities currently rely on costly and unreliable diesel generated power.
- The prospect of a becoming connected to the provincial electrical grid through the efforts of Wataynikaneyap Power, offers more than lower cost and reliable power to remote communities:
 - The near \$1 billion Project will offer numerous opportunities for local employment and new business ventures to serve the needs of the Project,
 - Following completion of the Project the acquired labour skills and business entrepreneurship can be applied to other ventures in the north, and
 - It builds capacity of CCEG communities to ultimately own and operate a major capital infrastructure project.

The Challenge

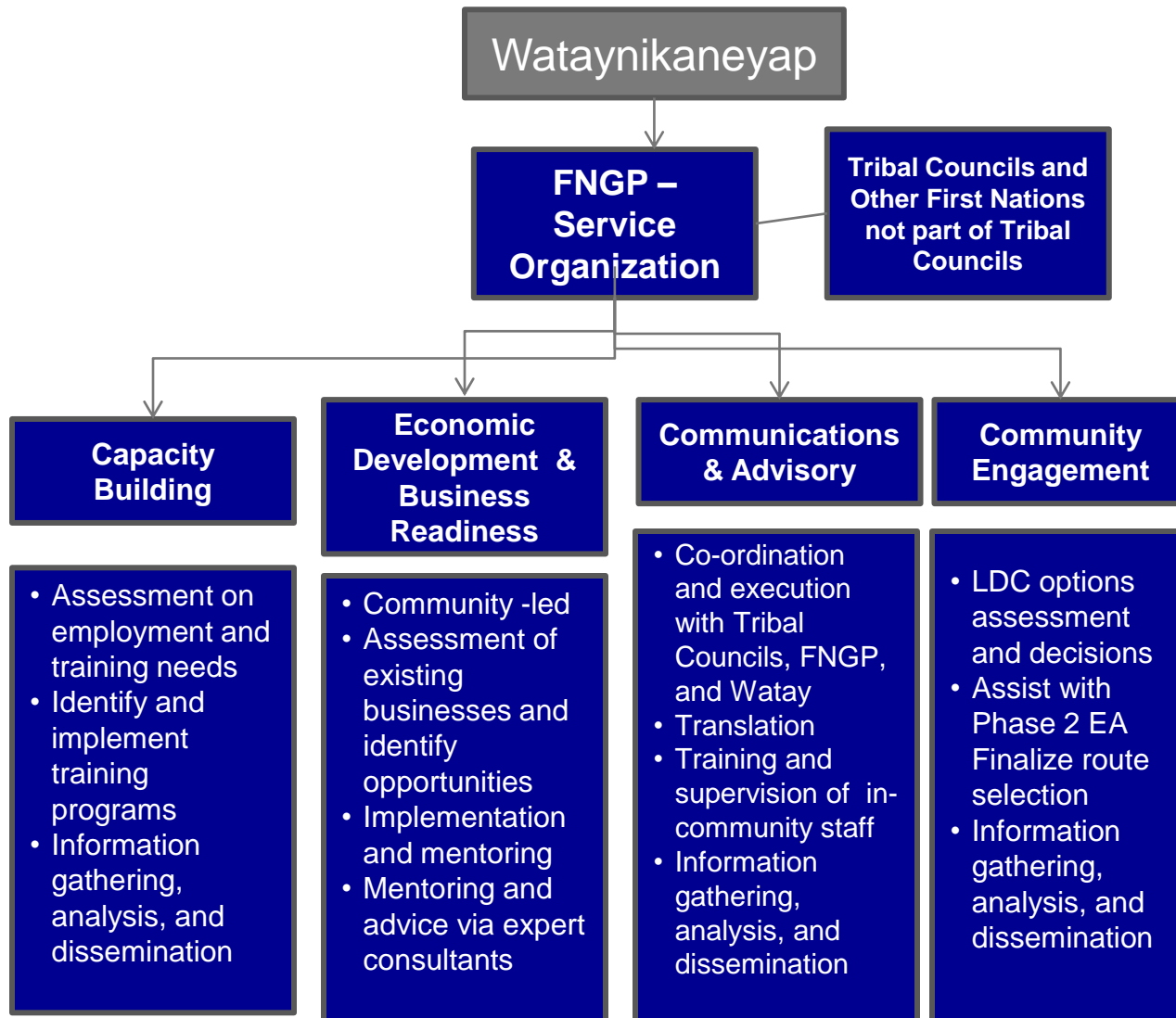
- In order to capture maximum employment and business opportunities for local First Nations communities, it will be necessary to develop the capabilities and capacities of community members.
 - This will require; extensive communications and engagement, job-specific training, business innovation/incubation mentoring, and economic development support
- Communities will also require an effective link to Wataynikaneyap in order to engage and participate in development and ownership of the project



OBJECTIVES

- **The aim of the initiative is to prepare the communities to be ready for the Transmission line construction.**
- **The initiative includes 5 stages:**
 - Project preparation
 - Community baseline study and resources/Assets inventory (where the community is now)
 - Community needs assessment and GAP analysis (where the community needs to be when major capital development happens)
 - Developing community readiness action plan
 - Implementing and carrying out their readiness plan
- **A key element is to hire a community assistant worker to assist in carrying out this project**
- **FNGP – FN Service Organization will work with the Tribal Councils including those communities who are not associated with a Tribal Council to facilitate project participation/engagement and assist communities in training, economic development and business readiness preparations.**

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR COMMUNITY READINESS



Sample Employment Opportunities:

- Power line trail maintenance
- Construction offices staffing
- Main warehouse management
- Work camp construction and maintenance
- Right-of-way clearing
- Structure staking
- Material delivery
- Pole setting
- Structure framing
- Anchor installation
- Conductor stringing
- Environmental monitor

Sample Business Services Opportunities:

- Catering
- Transportation – people and materials
- Equipment rentals
- Forestry
- Power line operations management\

Future Economic Development:

- Water power generation
- Road and rail infrastructure

FUNDING

- **Applications for MAA's RERP were submitted by three Tribal Councils for the first year 14/15 of a 3 year project but included KI, Muskrat, Sandy Lake – criteria was changed from MAA**
- **The following was completed:**
 - draft job postings for project coordinator,
 - First Nation community workers recruited
 - Draft RFP for project consultant was prepared.
 - Not all First Nations selected their Community Assistant Worker
 - A Community Worker orientation workshop was held the 3rd week of March 2015
 - A report was prepared and completed
- **The Tribal Councils met with MAA to discuss joint submission and multi-year for continuity**
 - Approval of 500,000 was received for 15/16 and consideration for 16/17 but TPA has not been issued
 - MAA is still asking for further revisions to the work plan and budget



FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ASSISTANT WORKERS (CAWS)

- **An orientation was held the 3rd week in March 2015. Because time has lapsed, there will be consideration for another orientation.**
- **They will also be given training to carry out their jobs**
 - Community presentations
 - Engagement and Communications
 - Information/data gathering
 - A consultant will be hired who will work closely with the community workers
- **The CAWs will be assisting with:**
 - The gathering of economic related information and data
 - Working with community people; businesspeople, program managers/administrators, leaders, members, as well as the project team members and others
 - The resources and assets inventorying, needs assessment and GAP analysis, and community readiness planning processes
 - The community readiness planning process

NEXT STEPS

- **Complete the revisions to the work plan and budget**
- **Submission to SLAAMB**
- **Develop an RFP to hire a consultant**
- **Orientation for community workers**
- **Data and information collection**
- **Community Engagement on the RERP project**